(b) the purpose of visit, the names of countries visited and the expenditure incurred on the visit of each minister during the above period;

(c) the names of Government officials and others who accompanies the Ministers abroad and purpose of their visit and the expenditure incurred on their each visit; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to check and minimise such visits and to reduce the expenditure incurred at the expense of the tax-payers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARIS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Visits to foreign countries are undertaken by Ministers when it is essential for the due discharge of funcitons relating to their Departments. Also, guidelines exist for ministerial visits abroad which, inter-alia, require full justification for the trip, adequate spade-work being done prior to the visit and clearance by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Prime Minister.

Measures to upgrade machinery of detection and investigation

1173. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that both the training and equipments of the police force in India are inadequate to meet the problems that are daily growing consequent to spread of terrorism, sophisticated transnational crime and smuggling and surreptitious trading in lethal weapons; and

(b) what precise measures are in hand to upgrade the training and equipments and improve machinery of detection and investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects under the Constitution, it is for the respective State Governments to upgrade and modernise their police forces. However, to supplement the State Government's efforts, the Government of India provides financial assistance under the Scheme for modernisation of state police forces, by way of ad-hoc grants and by providing guidance on the various aspects of police functioning. Further, the Tenth Finance Commission has allocated substantial amounts to the State Governments for upgrading police infrastructure. Training to senior police officers is provided by the Bureau of Police Research and Development, the National Institute of Criminology and forensic Science and the National Crime Records Bureau.

Re-Demarcation of Indo-Nepal Border

1174. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been made for the re-demarcation of Indo-Nepalese border along the State of Bihar and recover the five thousand hectares of encroached Indian land from Nepal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) There is a long-standing problem of border demarcation with Nepal in the West Champaran District of Bihar involving Susta and Narasahi villages. This area has been surveyed on a number of occasions in 1817, 1886-88, 1895-99, 1902 and finally in 1930-31. This matter has been discussed on a number of occasions with the Government of Nepal, at various levels. Recently, this matter was discussed during the Working Group